

Date Signed
July 6, 1998

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of the Village of Walworth, Walworth County,
as a Regulated Water and Sewer Public Utility,
for Authority to Separate the Water and Sewer
Utility and to Form a Separate Sewerage Department

6180-SA-100

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION,
HEARING AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

The Village of Walworth (village/applicant), Walworth County, as a regulated water and sewer public utility, filed an application on June 3, 1998, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) for authority to separate its water and sewer utility into a surviving water utility and a separate sewerage department.

The village is requesting permission to form a separate sewerage department for greater local control over sewer rates. The village would like this control to make more timely rate adjustments as the need arises.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission will investigate this matter and hold a public hearing on August 4, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, 247 North Main Street, Walworth, Wisconsin 53184. Customers may call Ms. Kelly E. Hayden, Village Clerk Treasurer, at (414) 275-2127 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This room is accessible to people in wheelchairs.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this matter is deemed to be a Class 1 proceeding. See s. 227.01(3)(a), Stats.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if this proceeding is contested, Commission staff shall file a synopsis or summary of the testimony or other evidence presented at the hearing in this case. The parties, pursuant to s. 196.24(3), Stats, as amended by 1997 Wisconsin Act 204, Section 24, may demonstrate that a synopsis or summary is not sufficiently complete or accurate to fairly reflect the relevant and material testimony or other evidence presented at the hearing.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10 (3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission deems it necessary in order to carry out its duties herein to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant, as a regulated water and sewer public utility. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant, as a regulated water and sewer public utility, in accordance with the provisions of s. 196.85, Stats., and ch. PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

If there are any questions regarding the hearing scheduled in this notice, please call Donna L. Paske, Hearing Examiner, at (608) 266-7173.

Other questions concerning this matter should be directed to Peter K. Feneht, P.E., Division of Water, Compliance and Consumer Affairs, at (608) 266-5614.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

For the Commission.

Joyce A. Narveson, Administrator
Division of Water, Compliance and Consumer Affairs

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